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David Garvin, Chair
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Dear David,

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I am writing on behalf of the Vermont Coalition of Batterer Intervention Services (VCBIS) to offer our support for the development of a national network of batterer intervention programs. We are very excited about the effort to organize such a network and look forward to participating.

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VCBIS is a coalition of programs and individuals who provide services to men who batter in Vermont. Our mission is to ensure that provision of quality batterer intervention services throughout Vermont. We work closely with advocates and other community partners to enhance the safety of battered women and their children.

A United Way Agency

Programs that work with men who batter in Vermont face many challenges. One of the most significant challenges is working in a small rural state with limited connections to other providers. Working in isolation limits our programs' abilities to remain current with the changes that occur in our field and to take advantage of resources that are available from other providers and advocates outside of our state. Consequently, we would value to opportunity that a national network would offer us to reduce our isolation and improve our connections to others who share our work.

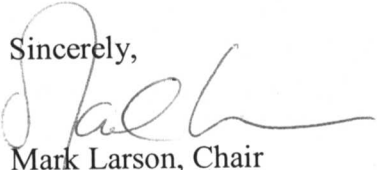
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I would be happy to serve as a liaison between the VCBIS and your efforts to create a national network and will keep other providers in Vermont current about information as it becomes available. Please keep me informed of ways that we can be of assistance. I can be contacted at (802) 66-8560 ext. 103.

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We are grateful for your efforts and for reaching out to us!

Sincerely,



Mark Larson, Chair

Vermont Coalition of Batterer Intervention Services